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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to report to Your Excellency the following:

The Albanian Government has been watching with the utmost concern the development of the Balkan crisis resulting from the unprovoked and chauvinistic aggression of the Serbian forces against Bosnia-Herzegovina. It has consistently condemned the aggression and has warned against the spread of war in the area, with particular reference to the Albanian populated region of Kosova. Encouraged by the reluctance of the United Nations to concretely condemn the aggressor, and in defiance of world public opinion, Serbia has recently intensified its overt hostile acts against Kosova. The situation there has already become explosive, and the danger of the spill-over of the conflict is imminent. Recently, there has been an increase of the Serbian military forces in the region, intentional movements of troops, and low flights of Serbian planes over it, which are a clear signal of the breaking out of hostilities in Kosova. Mr. Qosic disclosed of late to the Co-Chairmen of the Conference on Yugoslavia that Serbia has drafted a plan providing for the partitioning of Kosova between Serbia and Albania, thus brutally disregarding the ethnically Albanian character and the undeniable integrity of that region. Moreover, everyday fresh evidence shows that the Serbian authorities intend to carry out in Kosova their plan of massive ethnic cleansing which, silently and in various hidden ways, has already begun.

Faced with such a situation which jeopardizes its national interests, Albania has made it clear to the Serbian authorities and to the international community that it will not remain indifferent.

Under these very grave circumstances, the Albanian Government asks the Security Council to take urgent and effective measures, such as the deployment of United Nations troops in Kosova, and all other measures which it deems necessary, to timely prevent the war in Kosova and ethnic cleansing there, with a view to avoiding unpredictable consequences.

I would be grateful, Mr. President, if you could have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council of the United Nations.

(Signed) Thanas SHKURTI
Ambassador